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To amend title 37, United States Code, to authorize travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces on leave for suspension of training.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES**

4 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPO-**

5 **NENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON LEAVE**

6 **FOR SUSPENSION OF TRAINING.**

7 (a) ALLOWANCES AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 37, United
2 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
3 411j the following new section:

4 **“§ 411k. Travel and transportation allowances: travel**
5 **performed by certain members of the re-**
6 **serve components of the Armed Forces in**
7 **connection with leave for suspension of**
8 **training**

9 “(a) ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-
10 cerned may reimburse or provide transportation to a mem-
11 ber of a reserve component of the Armed Forces on active
12 duty for a period of more than 30 days who is performing
13 duty at a temporary duty station for travel between the
14 member’s temporary duty station and the member’s per-
15 manent duty station in connection with authorized leave
16 pursuant to a suspension of training.

17 “(b) MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN STATIONS.—A
18 member may be paid for or provided transportation under
19 subsection (a) only as follows:

20 “(1) In the case of a member who travels be-
21 tween a temporary duty station and permanent duty
22 station by air transportation, if the distance between
23 such stations is not less than 300 miles.

24 “(2) In the case of a member who travels be-
25 tween a temporary duty station and permanent duty

1 station by ground transportation, if the distance be-
2 tween such stations is more than the normal com-
3 muting distance from the permanent duty station
4 (as determined under the regulations prescribed
5 under subsection (e)).

6 “(c) MINIMUM PERIOD OF SUSPENSION OF TRAIN-
7 ING.—A member may be paid for or provided transpor-
8 tation under subsection (a) only in connection with a sus-
9 pension of training covered by that subsection that is five
10 days or more in duration.

11 “(d) LIMITATION ON REIMBURSEMENT.—The
12 amount a member may be paid under subsection (a) for
13 travel may not exceed the amount that would be paid by
14 the government (as determined under the regulations pre-
15 scribed under subsection (e)) for the least expensive means
16 of travel between the duty stations concerned.

17 “(e) FUNDING.—Amounts for reimbursement or
18 transportation provided a member under this section shall
19 be derived from amounts available for operation and main-
20 tenance for the regular component of the Armed Forces
21 in which the member is serving at the time of the suspen-
22 sion of training for which such reimbursement or trans-
23 portation is so provided.

24 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary concerned shall
25 prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Regulations

1 prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall
 2 be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.”.

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 4 tions at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is
 5 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 6 tion 411j the following new item:

“411k. Travel and transportation allowances: travel performed by certain mem-
 bers of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in connec-
 tion with leave for suspension of training.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
 9 ment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to travel
 10 that occurs on or after that date.

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